

Afghanistan poses a tough problem for the United States and our allies. We face a growing problem of a resurgent Taliban and a drug economy. Unlike Iraq, our NATO allies are pouring troops into this region because everyone knows we cannot let the Taliban and its Al Qaeda allies win.

I had a chance to meet with some soldiers from Illinois and told them how important their work was and how much we appreciated their service to the nation.



Pictured with Congressman Kirk are (L to R) 2LT Jason Kander, YNC(SW) Delores Thiltgen, SGM Walter Jarrett, PS2 Sean O'Neill, YN1 Karyn Henson and CTM Matt Jones.